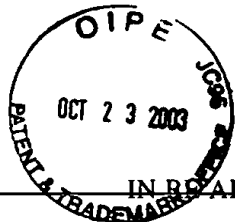


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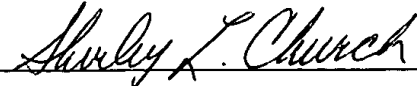
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "B" in response to the final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, in the subject patent application, having a shortened statutory period for response of November 27, 2003. This Amendment "B" is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the Final Rejection, to permit time for an Advisory Action.

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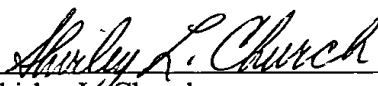
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Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "B". However, in the event that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California, in the amount of such fee.

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